# SAN MATEO COUNTY

## **CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: JUNE 15, 2017

Vice Mayor Liza Normandy, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at **6:15 p.m.** on **Friday, June 30, 2017**, at Sapore Italiano Ristorante, 1447 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 19, 2017
- 3) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve as an *Alternate* on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing *Cities* fulfilling Menlo Park Council Member Ray Mueller's remaining term through May, 2019
  - i. Council Member Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking appointment
- 4) Selection of two (2) Council Members to serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing *Cities* for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019
  - i. Mayor Pradeep Gupta, City of S. San Francisco, is seeking reappointment
  - ii. Council Member Wayne J. Lee, City of Millbrae, is seeking reappointment
- 5) Selection of two (2) Council Members to serve as *Alternates* on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing *Cities* for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019
  - i. Council Member Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking reappointment
- 6) Oral Communications
  - i. Public Comment Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.
  - ii. Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City

Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendized for a later meeting date.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sukhmani S. Purewal at (650) 363-1802.

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#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Vice Mayor Liza Normandy, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at **6:15 p.m.** on **Friday, May 19, 2017**, at Cooley Landing Park and Education Center, 2200 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

1) Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m. The following cities/towns were present: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Absent: Colma, Foster City, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Bruno, and San Carlos.

2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2017

**Motion: Belmont Second: Daly City** 

**Ayes:** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Noes: None

**Absent:** Colma, Foster City, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Bruno, and San Carlos.

- 3) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing *Cities*, for a term of four (4) years beginning May 2017 through May 2021.
  - i. Council Member Richard Garbarino, City of S. San Francisco, is seeking reappointment

Motion to declare the election by acclamation: Atherton

Second: S. San Francisco

Ayes: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay,

Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Noes: None

Absent: Colma, Foster City, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Bruno, and San Carlos.

Councilmember Richard Garbarino, S. San Francisco, was appointed.

4) Oral Communications **None** 

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



### Harvey Rarback 464 Pine Avenue Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650)560-9111

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Mr. Sukhmani Purewal Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of San Mateo 400 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Mr. Purewal,

I serve on the Half Moon Bay City Council and am replying to your request to apply for a vacant seat on the San Mateo County LAFCo. Half Moon Bay is one of only a handful of cities entirely within the Coastal Zone and as such I have worked on many issues involving inter-governmental jurisdictions including the Coastal Commission, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside JPA, and the Coastside Fire Protection District. I have learned a great deal about dealing with these issues and as a member of our LAFCo I would like to have the chance to help further the efficient and cost-effective functioning of our local agencies.

A brief synopsis of my relevant biography:

- I graduated from Haverford College in 1967 and went on to earn a Masters in physics from Stony Brook University. I taught physics and astronomy for six years at Miami-Dade College and returned to Stony Brook where I earned a PhD in physics in 1983.
- My professional career took me to the Smithsonian Astrophysical
   Observatory in Cambridge Massachusetts, the Medical Department at the
   Brookhaven National Laboratory, and finally to the SLAC National
   Laboratory in Palo Alto where I worked for 14 years as a Senior Application
   Developer.

- I have been a resident of Half Moon Bay for the past twenty years. After my retirement from SLAC, I decided to use my scientific and analytic background to work in public affairs. I won a seat on the Coastside Fire Protection District Board and served three years before being elected to the Half Moon Bay City Council.
- I served on the San Mateo County Special District Association for three years where I learned about and voted on many issues related to our representation on LAFCo.
- I am a longtime member of the Sierra Club and have served on the Executive Board of the Loma Prieta chapter and currently am chair of the Coastal Issues subcommittee. I have served on the Peninsula Clean Energy Citizens Advisory Committee and am now a Board member on the PCE. I serve on the Coastside Emergency Corps.
- I have been involved in the ongoing updates to Half Moon Bay's General Plan and Local Coastal Program. Our Council is working hard to address the serious problems of local affordable housing. We are also dealing with homelessness and the new marijuana laws. All of these issues are common to many of our agencies and I believe my experience would be useful in dealing with the kinds of difficult judgments that LAFCo needs to make.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this application with you and will be glad to discuss any questions or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,

Harvey Rarback /s/



**CITY COUNCIL 2017** 

PRADEEP GUPTA, PH.D., MAYOR LIZA NORMANDY, VICE MAYOR MARK ADDIEGO, COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD A. GARBARINO, COUNCILMEMBER KARYL MATSUMOTO, COUNCILMEMBER

MIKE FUTRELL, CITY MANAGER

May 30, 2017

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Council Members:

I respectfully ask your support for my reappointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Board. I have been serving on the ABAG Board for the last four years.

During that time, I have learnt a lot about the inner workings of ABAG and its interfaces with other agencies. My active participation at the Board meetings earned me the confidence of other Board members. As a result, the Executive Board appointed me to serve as the Chair of ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, as well as on its Administration Committee and the Finance and Personnel Committee. Furthermore, I was appointed to the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) as one of ABAG's representatives. The last appointment provided me the unique opportunity to interact with three other major regional agencies- MTC, BAAQMD, and BCDC.

Two recent developments also favor my continuation as an ABAG Board member.

First, ABAG/MTC Plan Bay Area 2040 is close to completion. Even under the best scenario, the plan projected very disappointing regional progress on major issues of housing affordability, availability of middle wage jobs, and the resiliency of the Bay Area under natural contingencies; correctly reflecting recent trends in the housing and transportation costs and the patterns of economic growth. In an effort to change these negative outcomes in a proactive manner, a supplementary Action Plan is being developed to define corrective strategies. As chair of the Regional Planning Committee, which oversees the three task forces working on the Action Plan, I am playing a significant role which I would like to continue.

Second, after the merger of MTC and ABAG staffs, ABAG plans to perform its functions through a contractual agreement with MTC for the required staff services. ABAG Administration Committee, of which I am a member, prepared the initial draft of the contract for services for Board approval. But the success of the merger also needs a close working relationship between members of the two boards. As a member of ABAG Administration Committee, I interact with the MTC Planning Committee on a monthly basis. Thus my continuation on the ABAG Board will also help post-merger functioning of ABAG.

Thank you for your consideration and support of my application at the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City Selection Committee. If you have any questions, please contact me via email or cell phone using the following contact information:

pradeep.gupta@ssf.net 650-676-0651 cell.

Sincerely,

Pradeep Gupta, Ph.D. Mayor, South San Francisco

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# City of Millbrae 621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

June 12, 2017

Re: Letter of Intent: Re-Appointment to ABAG Executive Board

Dear Colleagues,

I respectfully ask for your support for the re-appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. Six months ago, the cities selection committee voted to appoint me to the ABAG Executive Board representing cities in San Mateo County. During the last six months, my work included weighing in on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and ABAG planning staff merger and progress on the Plan Bay Area 2040 report. For three and a half years, my role as the alternate on ABAG included attending meetings and voting on behalf of the San Mateo County cities executive board members, the Honorable Maryann Nihart and Pradeep Gupta.

It has been an honor to serve in my current role on ABAG Executive Board as the representative of cities of San Mateo County. It is my desire to continue the work for the cities of San Mateo County and to carefully plan the housing and economic base such that each city in our county can be healthy and economically stable. With the influx of technology businesses and the new employees, we as elected officials of the cities of San Mateo County, struggle with the gutwrenching issues of displacement of the vulnerable and economically challenged. Additionally, our city's service employees struggle with the local cost of living and cannot afford to live within or near our cities.

As ABAG continues forward with the Plan Bay Area 2040 initiative, ABAG needs to be cognizant of the unique challenges that each municipality faces while contemplating and planning for the housing and transportation needs of our citizens and economy.

ABAG provides planning and resources at assist cities finance critical infrastructure and insurance services to many cities.

We need to leverage each cities strengths and opportunities for the benefit of the region. Below is a brief summary of my past experiences and achievements.

- Millbrae City Council 6 years
- Mayor 2014
- Planning Commission 7 years
- Director and Executive Board Member Peninsula Clean Energy
- Founding President of the Millbrae Education Foundation
- Senior Inspector at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Retired
- Environmental Program Manager for Fortune 500 company
- C/CAG Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Advisory Board 3 years
- President of the League of Cities Asian Pacific Islanders Caucus
- League of Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee 6 years
- Small business owner

I respectfully ask for your support for the re-appointment to the ABAG Executive Board representing the cities of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Lee City of Millbrae

Council Member

**ABAG Executive Board** 





Mayor Larry Moody Vice Mayor Ruben Abrica

Council Members
Lisa Gauthier
Carlos Romero
Donna Rutherford

June 13, 2017

Re: Association of Bay Area Governments Alternate Member Appointment, City Selection Committee

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I seek your support for reappointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Alternate Member seat. I have served in this capacity over the past six months and have participated fully and vigorously as a voting member of the ABAG Executive Committee at three of the last six meetings.

As past Mayor of East Palo Alto, former vice-chair of CCAG, and as an active participant in Council of Cities meetings, I have engaged many of you in discussions of issues affecting our precious cities. I feel it is vitally important to listen and collectively arrive at decisions that affect our cities and the county, and I have brought this approach to my service on ABAG.

My interest in continuing to serve as an alternate on ABAG's governing board stems from a commitment and faith in representative regional transportation planning coupled with appropriate land use, sound economic development policies, and a firm respect for the environment. This commitment is derived from a true sense that as a diverse nine-county region we must cooperate and arrive at reasoned, rational decisions that will prepare our cities and the region to address the urban and rural growth challenges we face.

I am well prepared to continue serving as an alternate on ABAG given my present four years of service on ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, its Housing, and Economic Development sub-committees, my educational background at Stanford and Harvard where I studied urban economics and planning, real estate finance, and transportation studies, and my professional background as an affordable housing developer and land use consultant. As an affordable housing developer who has built housing throughout the Bay Area and the state, I am keenly aware of the need to balance housing affordability, growth, and transportation issues with both the environment and market forces.

City of East Palo Alto 2415 University Avenue East Palo Alto, CA 94303 Telephone Number: (650) 853-3100 Fax Number: (650) 853-3115 In addition, I served three and a half years as a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) advisory bodies. During that time I fully acquainted myself with the structure and workings of the MTC, attending not just advisory committee meetings, but MTC sub-committee and MTC commissioner meetings. It is vital that San Mateo County cities have someone at the table who can participate fully in the continuing MTC/ABAG merger implementation process. It is paramount that ABAG's far more democratic and deliberative governance structure not be lost during this merger.

I am keenly aware of the diversity among San Mateo County cities and of the numerous needs and sometimes-divergent concerns of our cities. I have listened, learned, and struggled with the rest of you to find solutions and craft positions that address local and regional needs without acrimonious debate.

It is only through reasoned discourse, respectful of all positions, and an openness to innovative and collaborative solutions that we can meet the challenges posed by our need to grow sustainably. I hope you will reappoint me to serve as an alternate member on ABAG.

Telephone Number: (650) 853-3100 Fax Number: (650) 853-3115

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning my candidacy. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or by e-mail: cromero ezln@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero, Councilmember

City of East Palo Alto